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SUBJECT: UN RESTRUCTURING STALEMATE

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- 1. APPRECIATE WARNING OF POSSIBLE STALEMATE IN UN RESTRUCTURING EXERCISE (REFTEL A).
- 2. AS INDICATED IN REFTEL B, WE HAVE MAJOR INTEREST IN IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE NEW YORK SECRETARIAT. ACCORDINGLY, IN LIGHT OF DEVELOPMENTS REPORTED REFTEL A, WE MUST NOW CONSIDER URGENTLY THE POSSIBILITY OF PROPOSING AT THIS SESSION THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OFFICE AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL (E.G., A DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL) TO MEET CONFIDENTIAL

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PROBLEMS INDICATED IN REFTELS, ESPECIALLY PARA. 3, REFTEL B.

3. WE BELIEVE THAT A DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL COULD PRO-VIDE THE BASIC BENEFITS OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS' PROPOSAL FOR A DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION WHILE AVOIDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS OF THAT PROPOSAL. IN PARTICULAR, A DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL COULD PROVIDE HIGHEST LEVEL LEADERSHIP FOR UN SYSTEM ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND FOR MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ISSUES OF THE UN ITSELF WITHOUT DOWNGRADING THE POSITIONS OF USYG FOR ESA AND UNDP ADMINISTRATOR.

4. IN ORDER TO VET THIS PROPOSAL THOROUGHLY IN USG, WE FIRST REQUIRE EARLY DEFINITIVE USUN EVALUATION OF POSITIONS OF FRENCH AND UNDP ADMINISTRATOR MORSE TO A PROPOSAL ALONG FOREGOING LINES. WE ASSUME MISSION WILL HAVE TO CONFER DIRECTLY WITH FRENCH AND MORSE. IF THEIR REACTIONS ARE FAVORABLE, WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE USUN'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE TACTICS FOR MAKING SUCH A PROPOSAL. CHRISTOPHER

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